# Loss Of Life Is Now Estimated At Thousands

of the fire across Market. At Bush street the big Mills building is the center of business life, and contains the offices of a large number of San Francisco law firms. Farther up Market the Flood building is the principal one between the Call building and the City hall, which is at the head of the street. The closing of these build-ings for business work will of course ings for business work will of course paralyze the city. The loss of life, it is thought here, will be greatly les-sened on account of the fact that the people were mostly asleep in the resi-dence district, and Salt Lake relatives are not justified in assuming that San Francisco friends were injured or killed because the places of business in which they were located were destroyed. The dispatches so far in no way indicate a general loss of life through the residence section.

#### LOCAL TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

The news of the calamity spread with asionishing rapidity around the city, and in a short time both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph local offices were besieged with anxious peooffices were besieged with anxious people begging and beseeching that they be given preference to wire through to friends and relatives. Manager May of the Western Union estimates that before 11 o'clock fully 2,000 people had entered the office with this demand. At the Postal it was the same story, and the Postal Telegraph company received the Postal Telegraph company received messages for transmission with the expectancy that every minute the oprators in San Francisco would desert heir posts as the oncoming fire crept

#### LAST OAKLAND MESSAGE.

The last message to be received from Oakland was delivered to E. R. Pells, a resident of San Francisco, who is a guest at the Wilson. Shortly after 9 o'clock he received a message from his partner, John Sword, dated from Oakland, which stated 'Conditions so bad can't describe them."

to noon Vice President and General Manager W. H. Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line, who has been striv-ing hard to get into communication with General Manager E. E. Calvin of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco. failed to hear from any Southern Paci-fic officials. The only information ob-tainable being meager details from Sac-

Judging from the number of people who entered the two telegraph offices in this city there are hundreds of Salt Lakers or relatives of residents of this city in and around San Francisco to-

#### WALLACE MUCH CONCERNED.

One of the pathetic cases was that of W. R. Wallace, whose wife and two lit-tle boys are stopping in a downtown hotel. He was nearly frantic with anxiety and left on the overland limit-ed at 1:30 for the scene of the disaster. ed at 1:30 for the scene of the disaster. He filed messages at both offices and made the round of the newspapers in hopes of hearing something definite. The assurances that the Palace and St. Francis hotels were uninjured failed to bring him comfort. "I can't help looking on the dark side of things," he said, "of course those hotels are standing because the Palace is built of wood ing because the Palace is built of wood and the St. Francis of steel and stone. but the hotel my little ones are in is a

#### A BRIGHTER VIEW.

Mort Allen was more optimistic. After reading a bulletin that had been posted downtown to the effect that Berkley was totally destroyed, he said: "That's all rot. Berkley is comprised mostly of rustic frame houses that would take all kinds of an earthquake to shake them down. But he went into the telegraph office and filed a mes-sage to his mother. In addition to Mrs. Allen he has two sisters in Berkley, one attending the college and the other the

In this connection the Berkley story being interpreted in various fash ions. One San Francisco man in the Berkley had been destroyed it was big Southern Pacific ferry bearing that

# SALT LAKERS THERE.

Despite assurances, there are plenty of anxious people in Salt Lake today. Among those are a number anxiously awaiting a word from dear ones. Mrs. J. J. McClellan heard from her hus-band yesterday from San Francisco but as he was going to Los Angeles before returning home, it is possible that he is on the water at this time and knows nothing about the disaster. E. C. Edson, who rooms at the University. sity club, has a wife and sister in San Francisco; John J. Judson, the whole-sale drug man; C. D. Taylor, of Bradstreets; Henry Cohn, John E. Dooly Joseph Cohn and others, all have members of their families in San Francis-

Among other Salt Lakers believed to be in San Francisco are J. William Clawson, Mrs. Mary Clawson, daughter Clawson, Mrs. Mary Clawson, daugner of John Clark: Meldon Clawson. Dell Clawson Cummings and family, Mrs' Riter, sister of Mrs. Heber M. Wells; Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Shields, sisters of R. J. Shields; a sister of David Calder, and Sylvester Cannon, in addition to President Robinson and the "Mormon" Elders, laboring, in that city. non" Elders laboring in that city. Another Salt Laker who is very an ous and unstrung by the catastroph

C. Shoemaker, traveling freight for the Colorado & Southern, who recently sent Mrs. Shoemaker and his boy to San Francisco for a change

# STILL OTHERS.

Maj. and Mrs. George M. Downey, Maj. George F. Downey, U. S. A., Mrs. Moylan T. Fox. George H. Wetmore, Maj. Harry Hill. George M. Scott, Charles W. Pratt and bride (at the Buckingham). Charles Lawrence, E. W. Wilson, Henry Newell, M. M. Johnson, Will Cunningham, J. J. Daly son, Will Cunningham, J. J. Daly (probably), Ed Sheets, Hughey (the ball player), Mrs. John Lovejoy, Mrs. William R. Wallace and two children, Albert McCornick, Will Maas, the parents of Druggist Mathis of this city, the wife and daughter of Enright, the sheepman, (at the St. Nicholas hotel), E. E. Darling, Lorenzo Snow, Jr., Mrs. Florence R. Woodruff (at Oakland). the family of Joe Ensensperger (at Berkley). M. D. Grosh of this city has two brothers, A. B. and W. B. Grosh, and two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Larzelere and Mrs. O. G. Sage, llving

#### THRONGED TELEGRAPH OFFICES, These are just a few of the Salt Lakers who thronged the telegraph offices in the hope of getting mes-sages through or receiving word from

Among the San Francisco people here is F. S. R. Prentiss and wife. Mr. Prentiss who is stopping at the Ken-yon, was early striving to get into yon, was early striving to get into communication with his partner to find out if possible what damage had really resulted. He is vice president and manager of the Mirmont company, manufacturers of photographic papers 427-429 Stockton street. San Francisco, and treasurer of the Anglo-California hank. When he was informed that the bank. When he was informed that th his business, according to the press bulletins received, he turned to his wife and said: "It looks as though we will have to begin all over again, dear." Mrs. Prentiss did not seem to be worrying particularly as she said with a smile. "Well, Frank, we are safe and are lucky to be out of it all."

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another big fire in that section of the

WHERE FIRE STARTED. A portion of the Mission several miles from the business section of the

city is in flames, The fire began at Twenty-second street and is rapidly moving eastward. Should the wind increase it may sweep the entire southern section of

the city. In Oakland five persons were killed by the collapse of the Empire build-

The Gore block, at the junction of Market and Pine streets, is in flames and probably will be a total loss.

SPREADING OF FLAMES.

A fire which broke out in the Mack wholesale drug company, 13 and 15 Fremont street, threatens to destroy the entire block. On California and Pine streets the fire has reached to Sansome street.

From Pine and Dupont streets the fire has reached to Sansome street.

From Pine and Dupont streets fire can be seen raging in all down town districts. A brisk westerly wind is coming up and the destruction of the entire business district is threatened. Several persons are thought to be pinned under the wreckage of the fish market streets between Sacramento and Clay and Commercial streets. On Fourth and Tehama streets an en-

tire family was caught in the collapse of a building.

The hall of justice is momentarily expected to fall. The city hall is almost an entire wreck. The damage here is estimated at half a million dollars.

#### FIRE REACHES MARKET.

The fire has reached Market street near Third. The building next to the Claus Spreckels building at Third and Market is in flames, and the fire exends along the south side of Market to

The following buildings on New Montgomery street, between Market and Mission, have been entirely de-

Pacific Telephone company, Rialto building, Mission and Market, the Na-toma building on Second and Market, the 12-story Mutual Life building on California street and Sansome has been entirely destroyed.

#### APPROACHING BIG HOTEL.

The fire is coming up Market street and is now less than one block from the Postal Telegraph building. The Palace and Grand hotels are in great danger of fire. The Postal Telegraph company and Commercial Cable company will open a temporary office at Oakland as soon as a boat can be procured to carry the operator across the bay. The fire, however, is so fierce between Market street and the ferry, as to make it impossible to reach ferry, as to make it impossible to reach the boat at present.

# MACHINE SHOPS COLLAPSE.

The Santa Fe roundhouse and ma-chine shops at Point Richmond, across the bay, have collapsed. The earthquake was not seriously felt at other points along the coast so far as can be ascertained.

# AS TO THE DEAD.

At 10:55 a. m. the fire extends from Ferry to Front street on one side and pretty much all south of Market street and to about Seventh street, with spo radic fires in the park section and the vestern division.

There is no way of estimating the number of dead. It may be hundreds, it may be thousands. There is hardly any water and it is impossible to say when the fire will stop. People are moving out of the Palace hotel. The Postal telegraph operators who are at their posts are taking their lives in their hands, as the building is collapsing and the fire is within half a block. The Call and Examiner buildings are itable to go at any moment.

# TWENTY-ONE BODIES RECOV-

ERED. 9:45 a. m.-Twenty-one bodies have been taken to the morgue, which canot accommodate any more.

Mayor Schmidtz established head-quarters at hall of justice and has ap-pointed a relief committee of 20 promi-nent citizens. The military is patrolling the streets, guarding the banks and other establishments. They have received orders to shoot anyone on sight detected in theft.

# PALACE HOTEL BURNING.

The Jessie street side of the Palace hotel is burning. The burning district at this hour runs from South street on the west to the water front on the east, south of Market street. North of Market street from Sansome to the water front and from Market to Washington. There is also a block burning on Mission street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second.

NEWSPAPERS WITHOUT POWER. The newspapers having had their power cut off, have combined and will issue one paper from the office of the Chronicle, which has its own power, There was a great rush at the differ-ent banks by depositors who wanted to draw out their deposits but the banks decided to keep their doors closed. By order of the chief of police all saloons have been closed. The damage already inflicted is estimated roughly at \$40,-

#### WHOLE CITY THREATENED. The fires are spreading rapidly and unless the wind comes up from the unless the wind comes up from the west and blows the flames toward the

staying the conflagration.

The block bounded by Sansome,
California, and Battery streets is practically doomed, the flames sweeping clear across it. Great sheets from Pine street, with no apparatus available for CALL BUILDING DOOMED.

San Francisco, April 18, 10:15 a.m.,— Fire has taken hold of the Call build-ing on Third street side, and flames are now burning flercely in the interior of the building, but as yet the flames have not spread beyond the fourth floor. The building is also threatened on the Market street side, only one structure separating it from the flames, which swept everything on the south side of Market sereet from Fourth almost to Third.

MONADNOCK BUILDING FALLS. The back of the 11-story Monadnock building now nearing completion has fallen out, and the dames threaten to cause great fire loss, the front of the Monadnock was badly cracked by the

earthquake.
Although the fire is raging on all sides of the Palace hotel, it has not yet taken fire. The previous report that the Palace hotel hud caught first is erroneous. The flames are rapidly nearing the Postal Telegraph company's building, and are within a block of the Associated Press and Western Union building. The Postal company is preparing to vacate, and then will shut off all telegraphic communication

with the outside world.

From present indications entire business district, both wholesale and retail, will likely fall a prey to the flames, which are fanned by a stiff breeze.

#### A. P. OFFICE WRECKED. Shock Came at 5:15 This Morning

With Frightful Results. New York, April 18 .- The Postal Telegraph office at San Francisco was wrecked and communication was lost

at 8:50 New York time. At about 9:40 the Postal Telegraph company had communication with its San Francisco office but lost the con-nection again almost immediately. In the brief period that the wire was working the San Francisco office reported that a number of buildings had collapsed and that the dead and in-jured were being taken from the ruins as rapidly as possible. At the time cipal danger was from the fires, a num-ber of which had started and were making great headway owing to the

The electric lighting plant of the city has failed and gas mains are disrupted. The damage extends through the en-

The Postal building was badly wrecked and the operator's room is out

The Western Union telegraph office at Fresno says that it is the most at Fresno says that it is the most severe shock ever known.

A telegram from Sacramento to the Western Union telegraph company reports that three miles of railroad sank out of sight as a result of the earthquake between Sulsun and Benecia, and all wires were taken with it. At Pleasert of the company of the same saveral care hurroad and when were taken with it. At Friesanton there were several cars burned on the main line, blocking trains. Up to the time of receiving this dispatch the Western Union had been unable to get into communication with San Fran-

At 10:40 o'clock this morning, the

Postal company received the following 'At 5:15 this morning a terrific earthquake shock at San Francisco, dia much damage in the district east of Market street, practically destroying six or eight blocks in the manufacturing and wholesale districts. The banking district was not seriously damaged, although small damage had been done ver the whole town. Many persons have been killed and injured and a pe tion of the town is on fire, the water supply being cut off. At this moment they are dynamiting several of the

The Associated Press office was also oadly damaged. At 11:05 the Western Union received a report that a serious fire is burning

at Berkeley, where the state university The report came from Pinola, a station 10 miles out of San Francisco, and the nearest point to the latter city which the company had been able to raise up to the time of this dispatch. Berkeley is between Pinola and San

It is also reported that the earthquake shock was severely felt through-

The Postal Telegraph company received information that the greatest damage from the earthquake was done property on the following streets: Druma, Davis, Front, Battery, San-om, Montgomery, Gearney, Spear,

Main, Beal and Fremont.

The Western Union has received a report from Sacramento that the Southern Pacific railroad will attempt to get a train into San Francisco, startget a train into San Francisco, start-ing from Sacramento and taking a round about route to Vallejo, which is on the Bay of San Pablo. From that place the passengers will be taken by boat to San Francisco. This course was made necessary by the sinking of a three-mile section of railroad track between Sulsun and Benecia, which are on the direct line between Sacramento and San Francisco. The road crosses some lowland at the point where its tracks are reported sunk by shocks. The location of this reported sinking of the earth is about 30 miles from San Francisco.

# BUSINESS NOTES.

nted to \$1,154,401.48 as against \$704.392.89 for the same day last year

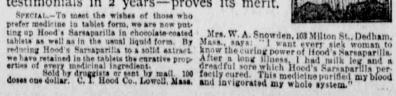
The second quarterly dividend of 1 per cent to Utah Independent Tele-hoone Co.'s stockholders was mailed

# Spring Medicine

The best is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the best because it does the most good.

While it makes the blood pure, fresh and lively, it tones the stomach to better digestion, creates an appetite, stimulates the kidneys and liver, gives new brain, nerve and digestive strength.

An unlimited list of cures-40,366 testestimonials in 2 years—proves its merit.



## PAVILION NOW of the city. The whole north end of the city is wrecked and the flames are spreading in all directions. In the absence of water, the fire department has resorted to the use of dynamite and buildings are being demolished in the hope of GREAT MORGUE.

Three Hundred Dead Bodies Have Been Collected in Single Building.

RELIEF FROM LOS ANGELES.

Special Train Bearing Supreme Court Judges and Newspaper Correspondents to Leave at Once.

Los Angeles, April 18 .- Information from San Francisco is that Mechanic's pavilion is being used as a morgue. Three hundred dead bodies are reported already gathered at that place. The wind is blowing a gale, and the flames are said to be making headway.

The shock of the earthquake was felt as far south as Santa Barbara. The fact that Oakland and San Jose and other bay cities have not been able to communicate with Los Angeles would indicate that they, too, have suffered from the shock.

A special train carrying the supreme court, now in session at Los Angeles, will leave here in a few hours. This train will also take newspaper correspondents and probably may offer assistance if it is needed. Gen. Funston, commander of the Presidio, has turned out the entire force of soldiers at that point, and established martial law in San Francisco. The mayor has closed every saloon in the city.

There is a Jam of panic-stricken people at the ferry, seeking to cross the bay to Oakland. Fires are raging everywhere, and the firemen are using dynamite. The Palace and Grand hotels have been destroyed.

Mayor Schmitz has sent to Oakland.

Mayor Schmitz has sent to Oakland or more dynamite. Fires are reported at Oakland, Ala-

meda and Berkeley.

The Call and Rialto buildings are ablaze. The lofty Call building is swaying and expected to topple over.

The Southern Pacific building next door to the Postal Telegraph, is afire

#### POSTAL IN RUINS. The Postal building is almost an en-

tire wreck, but communication is maintained with Los Angeles on a single The Sunset Telephone building on Bush street and the W. U. at Pine and

Montgomery streets, are entirely wreck-Up to 11 o'clock about 400 dead had been brought to Mechanic's pavilion, and others were coming in all the time. The soldiers are maintaining order as far as is possible, but the population has no thought of anything but escape from the city. Shocks continue at in-tervals. At 9:20 and at 10 o'clock there-were heavy shocks that did further damage and brought increased panic. The Nevada bank block, and the W. U. buildings at Pine and Montgomery are utterly demolished. A lodginghouse at Second and Stevenson buried many victims, six having been taken out. said buildings were destroyed at Salf-nas, about 100 miles south of San Fran-

Nothing has been heard from San Jose and other cities south of San Franisco on the coast, When the first shock occurred at 5:15

. m. most of the population were in ed and many lodginghouses collapsed, with every occupant. There was no warning of the awful catastrophe. First came a slight shock followed almost immediately by a second and then the great shock that sent buildings waying and tumbling. Every able-odled man who could be pressed into service was put to work rescuing the ctims. Panic seized most of the peofoward the ferry building there was a rush of those fleeing to cross the bay. Some carried their effects and some were hardly dressed. The streets were filled immediately with panic-stricken people and the shocks sent them into unreasoning panic. Fire lighted up the sky in every direction in the breaking

the bay were sunk. The area bounded by Washington, Mission and Montegomery streets and extending to the bay front, is devastat-This represents the heart of the handsome business section.

dawn. In the business district devas-tation met the eye on every hand. It

reported that two ships at anchor

# TROOPS ORDERED OUT

Steps Being Taken for the Relief of Sufferers as Far as Possible.

Gen. Funston called all the available roops for service if necessary in th

The board of supervisors will meet immediately to take necessary measures for relief and protection of the sufferers by disaster. Chief of the fire der trement Sullivan is lying in a very precarious condition. Both he and his were injured.

At 11 o'clock, San Francisco time, the employes of the Postal Telegraph company had to leave their office on account of the fire. At the time they left the Palace hotel and the Grand hotel were not yet on fire, but were in immediate danger. The militia is in charge of the town,

# CONFUSION EVERYWHERE.

The Call and Examiner Newspaper Blocks Were Both Badly Damaged.

San Francisco, April 18, 8 a, m.—In the confusion which reigns everywhere here it is almost impossible to learn defils of the catastrophe. In general it may be said that the district lying between Market and Howard streets from the bay as far west as the city hall, has been badly wrecked. The hotels near Third and Market streets were badly shaken up but there seems to have been no loss of life. The Call and Examiner buildings, as well as the Western Union building, have been badly wrecked. The large department stores in this neighborhood were also ruined but the earthquake occurred at an hour when they were empty and no loss of life is reported. Farther east on Market, toward the ferry clips, is a section occupied by cheap lodging houses and hotels, and here the loss of life is reported to be very great, though the extent of it could not be ascertained at this hour.

Fires are burning in a number of places along Market street and the water mains having burst, the au-thorities have resorted to dynamite to check the flames. The residence secreports no less of life or serious dam-

# SAYS OIL WELLS WERE THE CAUSE.

San Francisco Visitor Declares They Are Responsible for Earthquake.

TREMENDOUS PRESSURE

Has Been Removed by 10,000 Wells in California Oil Zone, San Francisco Being Over Deepest Deposit.

L. W. Blankman, who has been all of his life a resident of San Francisco, and who is at the Kenyon today, accounts for the earthquake in a rather unexpected fashion. He declares that the hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil that have been tapped from the California fields, and the great flow of natural gas which has recently been brought into service for commercial consumption, must have removed a tremendous pressure from the stratas of earth below San Francisco.

AWFUL PRESSURE OF GUSHER. "I have seen." he declared, "these oil wells breaking loose with a force suf-ficient to throw the oil 200 feet in the air, and then I have seen this same oil evaporate from 22 to 17 in gravity, showing that it was charged with gas, kept in it by the immense pressure, and escaping as soon as the natural pressure of the outer air was reached. Continuing to explain his theory that the earthquake was the result of the draining of these underground oil chasms, Mr. Blankman stated that all the oil fields in California appear to be connected. The oil basin grows deeper to the north from Los Angeles, indicat ing that the overhanging crust of earth dips that way, and by its own weight would cause an earthquake if the pres-sure of the oil and gas were removed from below it.

DEEPENS NEAR SAN FRANCISCO.

At Los Angeles the oil is encountered near the surface, and has a high flash test, showing that the pressure is not great, while at San Francisco the oil is encountert four or five times as deep, that is near Stockton, east of San Francisco, and it has no flash test, as it ignites in the ordinary air, and is surcharged with gas which evaporates under the lower pressure of the natural air very readily.

TEN THOUSAND WELLS. "Altogether," concluded Mr. Blank-"Altogether," concluded Mr. Blankman, "there are now over 10,000 oil and gas wells operating in California, and you can readily see what a tremendous pressure they have taken off the roof of the caldrons in which the oil has been collecting through the centuries. Of course I am not a scientist, and possibly this idea is all wrong, but it strikes me as a possible explanation.

Mr. Blackman tried all morning to get into connection by telegraph with his

folks, but up to noon was unable to do

### RAILROADS DEMORALIZED. Tracks Sink and Operation Impossible

Under Existing Conditions. Sacramento, April 18 .- All the plans for running trains on the western di-vision of the Southern Pacific railroad between this city and Oakland were knocked out this morning by the rific earthquake shock. In fact the thrown out of business from the fathat it had no telegraph wires operat-ing to San Francisco and no connection

could be had by telephone.

But the breakdown of the wires was not one-half the cause of trouble for the railroad officials. A short time after the big shock came a message from Suisun, Solano county, saying that a long section of railroad track had disappeared from view. It was learned later that at one place between sprig and Teal stations, in the Suisun marshes, for a distance of one mile and a helf, the track had sunk down from three to six feet, and at another point nearby 1,000 feet of track went out. Trains which should be dispatched for San Francisco early this morning for San Francisco early this had to be brought back and they sent to the bay city by the Lathrop

It was at the spot where the track disappeared that the railroad company had so much trouble last winter, when had so much trouble last whiter, when a loaded passenger train came near going out of sight. A great army of men was then set at work to fill up the sink. The task was a most difficult one, as enormous timbers which were thrown into the hold quickly sank from view and the trainloads of earth dumped in disappeared like snow in a flerce sunshine. But the engineers flerce sunshine. But the engineers finally mastered the situation, and after a week's time, trains were sent over the route again. It is now feared that it will take several weeks' time to repair the present collapse, and in the meantime all trains will be sent by

he Stockton route. There are great crevasses on each side of the track through the Suisun marshes, and it is reported that a great ocean of water has flowed over the lowlands between Suisun and Benecia, A short distance below Suisun outhern Pacific switch engine san into the ground for a distance of three feet, not far from where the track dis-

A report was received at the train dispatcher's office this morning about 9 o'clock, saying that windmills, chim-neys and water tanks at Sulsun had

been prostrated.

Windmills and chimneys were knocked down at Tracy, San Joaquin county, Freight cars in the railroad yard at that place were started to olling and had to have blocks placed under them. A report came from Woodland that

chimneys were knocked down at that Word came from that point saying that there was scarcely a whole pane of window glass left in that place. About 9 o'clock word came to the

house at Santa Rosa had fallen

number of people had been killed, but that story was not confirm-A railroad dispatch said the shock was felt as far east as Hazen, Nev., which is about 50 miles beyond Wads-

# BRYAN IN EGYPT.

No one was injured there.

earthquake shock

New York, April 18 .- A cable dispatch to the Heraid from Alexandria, says:
W. J. Bryan, who is touring the world, left Cairo for Luxor. He returns on Thursday and will leave Cairo on Saturday for the Holy Land.

# WEATHER BUREAU ON THE EARTQUAKE

Washington Office Gives Out Federal Officials Declare That Statement on the Case.

THE TREMOR WAS DISTINCT. ACTUAL FACTS SUPPRESSED.

Strongest Shock Came Five Minutes After First Warning Was Received on the Register.

Washington, April 18 .- The weather bureau this afternoon issued the following report regarding the San Francisco earthquake:

"The great San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906, was registered upon the bosch omori seismograph at the weather bureau office at Washington, beginning at eight hours, 19 minutes and 20 seconds, seventy-fifth meridian time. The record shows a disturbance of considerable magnitude at Washington, although not severe enough to be felt by individuals.

The stronger wave motion began at 8:25 a. m., that is about five minutes after the first imperceptible tremors. The recording pen was carried entirely off the record sheet by the violence of the motion from \$:32 to \$:35 a. m.

"After the latter time the motion gradually diminished over a longer

period of time but did not entirely cease until about 12:35 p. m.

"The vibratory motion of the ground at Washington was really a comparatively slow and deliberate motion, each back and forth movement taking 15 to 20 seconds of time. The largest movement of the ground registered before the pen went off the sheet, amounting to about four-tenths of an inch or a to and fro movement nearly one-half inch in the surface of the earth in this city.
(Signed) "WILLIS MOORE,
"Chief of Bureau."

# NEW YORK MAN'S VIEW.

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New York, April 18.—Speaking of the possible causes of the San Francisco earthquake, Prof. Charles F. Berkey, of the department of geology, Columbia university, said today:

"There is no possible connection between the San Francisco disturbance and the recent eruption of Vesuvius, Earthquakes are not necessarily of volcanic origin. The arth's crust in cooling, contracts, and often contracts unevenly, so that it causes the strata to slide. Such a sliding of the earth's crust might have caused the San Francisco earthquake." cisco earthquake.'

# DURING THE DAY.

Heavy Wind and Third and Sansome Streets Now a Mass Of Flame.

New York, April 18 .- The following message from San Francisco was received by the W. U. at 3:30 New York time:

"We are having an accumulation of slight shocks. A heavy southwest wind has sprung up within the last half hour. A section of the city south of Market street bounded by this street, Third and Sansome and Ninth street, is a mass of flames. The Call building at the corner of Third and Market streets has just burned and the Anglo-Call-fornia bank has also been destroyed. the city has more or less damaged by the earth-

The Southern Pacific company has brought a ton of dynamite into the vicinity of the burning section on Mar-ket street to be used, if possible, in

blowing up property to prevent the spraead of the fire. The above message was received from the main office of the Western Union in San Francisco, which the company was able to get into communication with after it had established a temporary office in the Ferry building. After sending the dispatch the operator announced that a building adjoining the Western Union building had just taken fire and that possibly the operators would be driven out and may go to the Ferry building.

# AT FORT DOUGLAS.

Extra Edition of Post Paper Conveys News of Earthquake to Troops.

The Salt Lake papers were not the only ones which got out extras today. At Fort Douglas the post paper, published for the benefit of the soldiers, did yeoman service, in connection with a Bulletin system furnished by "News." Most of the troops were ab-sent on a practise march, and a courier was dispatched to them on horse-back at noon carrying a special edition of the "Twenty-ninth Infantry Sentinel," giving bulletins on the progress of the fire and the earthquake news in general, received here up to noon.

# SALT LAKER AFFECTED.

Offices of E. W. Wilson Wrecked in San Francisco.

E. W. Wilson, formerly of the Comrathroad office that the county courtmercial National bank in Salt Lake. and now vice president and manager of the American National bank in San Francisco, was the subject of much inquiry today. His San Francisco bank was located in the Merchant's Exchange building, a handsome new structure, in fact the most beautiful and biggest office building in San Francisco, which according to the distratches. A hotel in the town of Collinsville, on the Sacto river, was wrecked by the co, which according to the dispatches is a total wreck, and which it is stated in a private dispatch to Pollock & Co.'s Salt Lake office, was so badly shattered that no one dares to venture inside. In this building were also located the Southern Pacific offices, the loss of which will seriously hamper railway service in the California division. No advices were received from Mr. Wilson today, but it is probable that he was not injured.

# DEATH LIST INTO THE THOUSANDS.

The Full Truth Has Not Been Told.

Railroad and Mail Officials Say They Will be Hampered Beyond Des. cription for Long Time.

Chicago, April 18 .- The federal authorities in this city decided today that they had received information indicating that the reports of the disaster in San Francisco have fallen short of the actual facts. Supt. of Mails West declared he had been informed by officials of the railroads carrying the mails to the Pacific coast that the loss of property will be immense and that it is certain the death list will run into the

thousands. Supt. West said: "The mail service in California will be hampered almost beyond descrip-tion. Incoming mails from across the Pacific ocean must be landed some-where else than San Francisco, and this will cause great delay in the arrival

of the mails at eastern points." SHOCK AT LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, April 18.—There was a slight shock felt at Los Angeles. The clocks in the general offices of the Santa Fe stopped. There was no shock experienced at Santa Barbara and none at Stockton and south of there. EARTHQUAKE IN OREGON.

# Marshfield, Or., April 18.—An earth-uake shock was experienced here at :20 this morning. No damage. EARTHQUAKE NOTES.

There are quite a number of San There are quite a number of San Francisco people at the Salt Lake hotels, and they were in a terribly excited condition of mind this morning, when the news came of the condition of things at home. They besieged the telegraph offices, but details were very meager. The Bell Telephone offices tried to communicate with Portland, but the wires were down between Baker City and Pendleton, and that source of information was cut off.

Captain Hammond of the reclama-tion bureau of the geological survey in this city said this noon that his branch of the service has a fine experimental station at Berkley, with a full force of men, and he was very anxious to learn how the station there had fared. The report of the fatal accident to Chief Sullivan of the San Francisco

Captain Hammond of the reclama-

fire department occasions widespread regret in this city, as he is well known The Postal Telegraph management here stated this noon that the com-pany's building was not destroyed, as reported, and that four wires were in correction between San Francisco and operation between San Francisco and the east. However, at the time the fire was sweeping up Market street, and there was no telling what might happen later unless the flames were stopped.

A guest at the Wilson who received word from San Francisco this morning said the man who sent it had to travel a long distance out from the city in an automobile to find a telegraph station from which to send the message.

Exalted Ruler Homer of the Elks sen a message this morning to the exalted pathy and such assistance from the or-

#### der in this city as might be called for, ARMY AFFAIRS.

A general order from the department at Denver directs First Lieut. William I. Keller, assistant surgeon. U. S. A. with one non-commissioned officer and three privates, hospital corps, to accompany the provisional battery, field artillery, con-

one non-commissioned officer and three privates, hospital corps, to accompany the provisional battery, field artillery, comesisting of the Twelfth and Nineteenth batteries, as far as Bitter Creek. Woo, on its march to Fort D. A. Russell, Woo, Upon arrival at Bitter Creek, Lieut, Keller will return to Fort Douglas by rail and the detachment hospital corps will accompany the wagon transportation its return to Fort Douglas. Private John J. Tougaw, Nineteenth battery, field artillery, met with an accident on a recent practise march of the hattery, which may totally incapacital him for further duty as a solder. While attempting to mount a cassion in motion his foot slipped and became entangled in one of the wheels and in this position he was dragged about 10 feet. As a result of the accident he sustained a compound fracture of the left leg. The injured solder has only been in the service about two months.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Penrose which is of unusual interest to every enlisted man in the army, It provides that when an enlisted man shall have served 5 years, either in the army, navy or marine corps, or in ail, he shall, upon making application to the president, be placed upon the retired list on three-quarters of the pay and allowances he may then be in receipt of, the allowances to be as follows: \$0.50 a month in lieu of rations and in the president, be placed upon the retired list on three-quarters of the pay and allowances he may then be in receipt of, the allowances to be as follows: \$0.50 a month in lieu of rations and in the president, be placed upon the retired list on three-quarters of the pay and allowances to be as follows: \$0.50 a month in lieu of rations and in the president, be placed upon the retired list on three-quarters of the pay and allowances to be as follows: \$0.50 a month in lieu of rations and the pay and allowances to be as follows: \$0.50 a month in lieu of rations and the pay and allowances in the pay and light. It further provides that

# GUSTAVUS E. ANDERSON.

Gets Alternate Fellowship in Geologf At Columbia University. (Special to the "News.")

New York, April 18.—Columbia university yesterday distributed a number of fellowships; Gustavus Edwin Anderson, Lehi, Utah, received an alternate fellowship in geology.

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